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MADRIPOOR.
NORTH SHORE.

LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE, *HUH?*

EVERYTHING'S ON *FIRE*, SO YEAH.

HEY...

...I KNOW EVERY TIME I PULL YOU INTO SOMETHING, THINGS GO A LITTLE ***NUTS***...

...SO... THANKS FOR ***STICKING AROUND.***

*AMADEUS CHO, A.K.A. **BRAWN**. INCREDIBLY SMART. (IN SOME WAYS.)*

EH, IF YOU'RE REALLY GONNA TRY TO ***LEAD*** A ***SUPER HERO TEAM***, I FIGURE YOU NEED SOMEONE WITH SOME ***COMMON SENSE*** BACKING YOU UP.

*CINDY MOON, A.K.A. **SILK**. DOES WHATEVER A SPIDER DOES.*

YEAH, SPEAKING OF WHICH...

...YOU'RE TIGHT WITH ***LUNA***, RIGHT?

LUNA ***SNOW?***

DO WE...***KNOW*** ANOTHER LUNA?

WHAAAAAAT ARE YOU ASKING, AMADEUS?

WHAT? NOTHING!

I MEAN, YOU THINK I'M--?

NO, NO, NO!

OH MY GOD.

AREN'T YOU LIKE ***NINETEEN?***

I'M ***TWENTY!*** BUT--

OY. I DUNNO...

...I MEAN, ***LOOK*** AT HER...

"...LUNA'S A *SERIOUS PERSON.* A *K-POP STAR.* A *SUPER HERO.* SHE'S GOT *RESPONSIBILITIES--*"

SEOL HEE, A.K.A. *LUNA SNOW.*

"OH, YEAH, AND I'M JUST THE *LEADER* OF THE *AGENTS OF ATLAS* AND ONE OF THE *SMARTEST PEOPLE* ON THE PLANET AND, I DUNNO, A DUDE WHO'S *SAVED* THE *WORLD* A COUPLE OF TIMES, AND--"

NINETEEN YEARS OLD.

TWENTY!

BUT *WHATEVER!* I WAS JUST CHECKING ON *TEAM DYNAMICS* AND STUFF! I WASN'T EVEN SAYING WHAT YOU *THOUGHT* I WAS--

OOOOKAY.

HEY!

HI! THANKS FOR COMING. EVERYBODY GOOD?

PERFECT!

YEAH, NOT BAD, CHO. THIS SHOULD WORK.

YEP. NO CIVILIANS. IT'S *REMOTE* ENOUGH...

PEARL PANGAN, A.K.A. WAVE.

LEI LING, A.K.A. AERO.

...AND *HOT.*

HOTTER THE BETTER.

UFF!

COME ON! THAT WAS TOTALLY NOT--

ALL RIGHT, ELEMENTALS...

...LET'S DO THIS.

SCHOOSH

OVER TO YOU, AERO!

WHOOO

SKRRRAAAAAA!

...BY LURING IN THE LAST STRAY MUSPELHEIM FIRE DRAGON!

YAAAAAA!

FWOOOSH

DON'T WORRY, BUDDY, I GOTCHA!

GAAAH!

OKAY!

DOWN, GIRL!

YEAH, THAT'S ENOUGH OF *THAT*.

SPLASH!!

FWOOSH!!

SSSSST

KRAAAAAAAA!

KRRRRRR...

SHHHH.

WE'RE NOT TRYING TO *HURT* YOU.

WE JUST WANNA GET YOU OUT OF *OUR* REALM AND BACK TO *YOURS*.

WOOOSH

KAAAAAAAA?

IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN STILL *BREATHE*.

I'M JUST PULLING AWAY ENOUGH *AIR* TO DOUSE THOSE *FLAMES*.

HRROOOINK?

IT'S ALL RIGHT! NO ONE'S TRYING TO--

SKRREEEEEE!

!

WHACK

WHOA!

BACK OFF, KID--

SKRAKOOM

--AND LET THE *PROTECTOR* SAVE THE DAY!

WHAT THE--

HEY!

FOOOSH

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

KRRAAAAAAA!

COME ON, MONSTER!

CLANG!!

NO!

WHAT ARE YOU--

YOU HEARD BRAWN! WE'RE NOT *KILLING* HER!

GGGAAAH!!

YOU *IDIOTS*--

FIRE!

NO! YOU'RE JUST MAKING HER *MAD!*

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

SKREEEEE!

RUN!

SKINHEAD

WATCH OUT!

WHAAA...

OY.

HEY.

HEY.

KRRRRRR...

WHO-- WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

I'M ISAAC IKEDA...

...THE PROTECTOR OF PAN!

AND I THANK *SOME* OF YOU FOR YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE.

UH...

HANG ON!

WHO-- WHAT--

WHAT THE HELL'S *PAN?!*

ONLY *EVERYTHING*, BROTHER.

WAIT A MINUTE, WHERE ARE YOU--

VOOOOOOP

SO LONG!

YEARS AGO, AN INCREDIBLE TEAM OF FBI AGENTS DISCOVERED THAT THEIR LEADER, JIMMY WOO, WAS THE HEIR TO AN ANCIENT UNDERGROUND EMPIRE KNOWN AS THE ATLAS FOUNDATION. TOGETHER WITH THE IMMORTAL DRAGON, MR. LAO, AS HIS ADVISOR, AND THE ORIGINAL AGENTS OF ATLAS — GORILLA-MAN, VENUS, NAMORA, THE URANIAN AND M-11 — JIMMY ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE WORLDWIDE SYNDICATE TO USE ITS INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

BUT DURING THE WAR OF THE REALMS, JIMMY RECRUITED A NEW TEAM OF YOUNG HEROES LED BY AMADEUS CHO TO DEFEAT SINDR, THE QUEEN OF MUSPELHEIM AND ALLY TO MALEKITH, AND SAVED THE PACIFIC FROM DESTRUCTION!

NOW, AMADEUS AND JIMMY SEEK A PATH FORWARD FOR THE NEW TEAM AND THE ATLAS FOUNDATION IN THE WAKE OF A WORLD CHANGED BY THE FIRES OF WAR! TOGETHER, THEY ARE THE NEW...

AGENTS OF ATLAS

BRAWN
Amadeus Cho
New York

SILK
Cindy Moon
New York

JIMMY WOO
San Francisco

SHANG-CHI
New York

LUNA SNOW
Seol Hee
Seoul

CRESCENT
Dan Bi
Seoul

SWORD MASTER
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Shanghai

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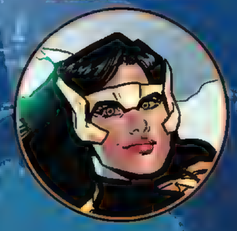

SEOUL.
ATLAS SECRET BUNKER 394B.

AND THEN I'M LIKE, "*WE GOTTA FIND THIS GUY!*"

AND SUDDENLY EVERYBODY'S GOT *STUFF* TO DO!

LUNA'S LIKE, "*OH, I'VE GOT A REHEARSAL IN SHIBUYA,*" AND SILK'S LIKE, "*OH MY GOD!*" AND LUNA'S LIKE, "*YOU WANNA COME?*"

AND I'M LIKE, "*YEAH, YOU SHOULD GO! HAVE FUN!*"

"SO NOW THEY'RE ALL IN THE STUDIO OR WHATEVER.

"PROBABLY GETTING CAST IN HER NEXT VIDEO.

"MEANWHILE, SHANG-CHI AND SWORD MASTER ARE OFF IN *NEW YORK*...

"...DOING COOL *KUNG FU* STUFF...

"...AND *CRESCENT'S* AT SOME FAMILY REUNION.

"EATING *KALBI JIM*, I BET."

I MEAN, *I'D* LIKE SOME KALBI JIM.

BUT *NOPE.*

I'M JUST HOLDING DOWN THE FORT RUNNING TRACES AND SEARCHING DATABASES AND CRAP.

COME ON, AMADEUS. YOU'RE IN CHARGE...

...AND THAT'S A LONELY JOB.

I'M NOT LONELY!

OKAY.

WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT, THEN?

JIMMY WOO. HEAD OF THE ATLAS FOUNDATION.

I...I DUNNO.

LOOK, I THOUGHT THIS WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BE A *TEMPORARY* THING WHILE WE FOUGHT *SINDR*.

WHERE'RE *YOU*, ANYWAY? *YOU* SHOULD BE RUNNING THE SHOW!

THE ATLAS FOUNDATION IS A BIG ENTITY. THE **AGENTS** OF ATLAS ARE JUST ONE PART OF IT.

I CAN'T BE THERE ALL THE TIME, AMADEUS.

YOU'RE DOING FINE. JUST STOP EXPECTING EVERYONE TO LIKE YOU.

WHAT?

I DON'T EXPECT EVERYONE TO--

HM.

WELL, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT, ANYWAY?

WHAT THE--

OOOOOS

SEOUL.

HUH?

TOKYO.

ARE... ARE YOU GUYS DOING THAT?

NO.

NOPE.

NO.

FLUSHING, NEW YORK.

SHANG-CHI!

I SEE IT. STAY *CALM*, LIN LIE.

MANILA.

TRIUMPH TOWER.

‹TRIUMPH DIVISION! WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?!›*

*TRANSLATED FROM TAGALOG.

WHAT THE HECK...

MUMBAI.

THE PAN-ASIAN SCHOOL FOR THE UNUSUALLY GIFTED.

AMADEUS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

THAT'S *TELEPORTATION ENERGY*, JIMMY! SAME KIND AS THAT *IKEDA* GUY USED!

OKAY, SO YOU DON'T WANT TO GET *TELEPORTED*--

THERE'S GOTTA BE *THOUSANDS* OF PEOPLE SURROUNDED BY IT! THEY'RE GONNA NEED HEL--

--LLLLLO...

...TOKYO?

WHOOP

AMADEUS!

SILK!

WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

〈BRAWN... WHAT'S GOING ON?〉*

〈IT'S ALL RIGHT, AUNTIE. WE'RE GONNA TAKE CARE OF YOU. YOU JUST HEAD ON HOME...〉

〈WHY--WHY ARE ALL THOSE SIGNS IN KOREAN?〉**

*TRANSLATED FROM KOREAN.

**TRANSLATED FROM JAPANESE.

WHAAAA...

OKAY. IKEDA'S MERGED *SEOUL* WITH *TOKYO*...WHY THE HECK WOULD HE--

IT'S NOT JUST *TOKYO*.

WHOA!
HEY, AMADEUS-- RIGHT? BIG FAN.
"BIG." I GET IT.
OH. HA! WASN'T EVEN GOING FOR THAT.
I'M *RAZ MALHOTRA-- GIANT-MAN.* GUEST LECTURER AT THE PAN-ASIAN SCHOOL FOR THE UNUSUALLY GIFTED...
...RIGHT OVER THERE IN *MUMBAI.*
AND IF I'M SEEING THIS RIGHT...
...THERE'S A BIT OF MANILA.
...HONG KONG, MAYBE?
...VANCOUVER.
AND FLUSHING!
HEY!
THIS IS BAD.
I'M NOT SENSING ANY *DANGER.*
I SURE AM.
YEAH, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE *SPIDEY-SENSE.*
IF ANYTHING *HOSTILE* WERE COMING, I'D *KNOW--*
HEY, EVERYBODY!

...MY NAME IS MIKE NGUYEN, CHAIR AND CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER OF THE BIG NGUYEN COMPANY.

YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING WHAT THAT FLASH OF LIGHT IN THE SKY'S ALL ABOUT.

WELL, THERE'S NO NEED FOR WORRY--

STARDUCKS COFFEE

--JUST CELEBRATION.

SPIDEY-SENSE?

SO FAR, SO GOOD...

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE BIG NGUYEN COMPANY HAS INVESTED IN PRIVATE COMMUNITIES IN THE HEARTS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASIAN CITIES...

〈IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PRESERVATIONISTS, ACTIVISTS AND RESIDENTS, WE'VE AVOIDED THE SINS OF GENTRIFICATION...〉*

*TRANSLATED FROM KOREAN.

〈...WHILE PROVIDING FAMILIES OF ALL BACKGROUNDS SAFE, BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOODS STEEPED IN AUTHENTIC TRADITION BUT WITH ALL MODERN AMENITIES.〉*

〈AND TODAY, WE'VE FLIPPED THE SWITCH...〉

*TRANSLATED FROM MARATHI.

...AND CONNECTED THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS INTO ONE GLORIOUS, BEAUTIFUL METROPOLIS.

SO NOW, WITHOUT PASSPORTS OR CUSTOMS OR TARIFFS, YOU CAN STROLL THROUGH SEOUL, TOKYO, JAKARTA, MUMBAI, MADRIPOOR AND HILO IN A SINGLE AFTERNOON.

THAT... SOUNDS...
AWESOME!
...ILLEGAL.
SOME PEOPLE WILL FEAR THIS.
HA!
YEAH, YEAH.
BUT WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THE WORLD THIS CAN WORK.
"WE'RE DISRUPTING POLITICS AND BORDERS AND FEAR AND PREJUDICE...
"...AND WE'RE OPENING THE DOOR TO PROSPERITY AND FUN.
"FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS, EVERYONE WITHIN A MILE OF ANY PART OF PAN WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITHIN PAN."
PAN
South America
North America
Asia
Australia
AT ANY TIME, YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR HOME COUNTRY THROUGH ONE OF THE GOLD GATES.
AND AT THE END OF THAT FIRST 24 HOURS, EVERYONE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWN HOME COUNTRY.
BUT IF YOU LIKE THE EXPERIENCE...
...YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO A PAN PASS, WHICH WILL GRANT YOU MEMBERSHIP TO THE CITY AND THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITHIN IT.
SEE? IT'S JUST A SCAM.
TOO BAD YOUR SPIDEY-SENSE DOESN'T DETECT BULL--
AMADEUS, HUSH!
SO FOR NOW...

...GO AHEAD. TAKE THAT FIRST STEP...

...AND SEE THE WORLD!

ALL RIGHT, GET READY.

FOR WHAT?

PEOPLE ARE GONNA GO *NUTS.*

YOU CAN'T JUST THROW *THOUSANDS* OF PEOPLE FROM *DIFFERENT WORLDS* TOGETHER AND EXPECT...

〈THIS--THIS IS *INCREDIBLE!*〉*

〈WE'RE GONNA BE LATE FOR LUNCH...〉

〈WHO *CARES?* LOOK, HAVEN'T YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO VISIT TOKYO?〉

*TRANSLATED FROM MANDARIN.

UH... KONNICHIWA?

HA! ANN... YUNG...

ANNYEONGHASEYO!

HA HA!

HA HA!

HUH.

SPIDEY-SENSE?

ALL GOOD. YOU CAN TOTALLY RELA--

-AAAAAAAA-

WHAT?!

THOOK

NGGH!

IKEDA! WHAT--

D-- D--

D--?

DRAGONS!

NATURALLY.

AGENTS OF ATLAS--!

-ASSEMBLE!

WELL, AMADEUS...

...AT LEAST YOU WON'T BE *LONELY* ANYMORE.

NO...

...AND NEITHER WILL WE.

THE YAI RIVER, THAILAND

"INTRUDERS AT THE DOCK!"

"AH, IT'S JUST MORE BLOODY TOURISTS."

I THINK WE AREN'T WELCOME.

HI--WE HEARD THERE WAS A TEMPLE HERE, AND UH, WHOA--

YOU THINK THE CULT OF GENERAL NURONG IS HIDING HERE?

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM.

GOOD EYE, DEL. I BET THIS IS THE PLACE WE WANT.

IT AIN'T EMPTY. I CAN SMELL 'EM.

CLK

CLK

CLK

MUST BE ONE OF THOSE TRADITIONAL MONASTERIES WHERE THEY USE *MACHINE GUNS.*

&$%# OFF, YOU! THIS IS PRIVATE LAND!

WAIT--WE WERE WARNED THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING STRANGE COMING AROUND.

AND THAT WE SHOULD USE *THIS.*

ZAWEEEEEEEEEEE

BEHIND THE VEIL BY PARKER AND PAGULAYAN

3-D MAN: DELROY GARRETT, HEIGHTENED STRENGTH, SPEED AND PERCEPTION.

VENUS: FORMER SIREN OF ANCIENT MYTH.

THE URANIAN: FORMERLY MARVEL BOY--BOB GRAYSON, TRANSFORMED BY ALIENS TO SURVIVE ON THE 7TH PLANET.

HEY, IT HURTS MY HEAD TRIPLE WHAT IT DOES YOURS!

I CAN'T SING WITH THAT NOISE!

IT'S DESTROYING MY CONCENTRATION-- I CAN'T MAINTAIN THE ILLUSION!

NO NEED, V.

GORILLA-MAN: SOLDIER OF FORTUNE KEN HALE, CURSED TO IMMORTALITY AS A GORILLA.

DEL AND I, WE GOT THIS.

HRRK--

--FNNFH--

THAT BETTER, BOB?

GRUNCH

YES. NOW I CAN CHECK WITH NAMORA TO SEE IF SHE FOUND THE OTHER ENTRANCE WE SUSPECTED TO EXIST.

M-11 THE HUMAN ROBOT: A ROBOT BUILT IN THE 1950s TO DESTROY HUMANITY.

NAMORA: ATLANTEAN QUEEN, POWERFUL RELATIVE OF THE SUB-MARINER.

I HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS, BOB-- WE FOUND THE CAVE. I BELIEVE IT WAS FLOODED TO KEEP OUT INTRUDERS.

THE TEMPLE HAS BEEN BREACHED, LEK NURONG.

I HAVE THE FIERCEST DEFENDERS IN ALL OF SIAM!

GO, MY GUARD! SLAY THE INVADERS!

AAAAAAH!!

I DO NOT HEAR THE SCREAMS OF INTRUDERS BEING SLAIN--HOW EFFICIENT THEY ARE.

IN FACT I HEAR... SINGING!

DAMNATION. PLUG YOUR EARS.

SUMMON MY STONE EFFIGY.

DEFEND THE TEMPLE.

THIS IS LAO'S TEAM.

DID YOU SAVE THEIR HEADS, MY LOYALS?

-SIGH- I MUST FIND BETTER MORTAL VASSALS.

♪ --FLAMING LOCKS OF AUBURN HAIR-- ♫ --IVORY SKIN AND EYES OF EMERALD GREEN-- ♪

FINALLY! I'VE BEEN REQUESTING SHE DO THIS ONE FOR FLIPPIN' EVER.

I ALMOST DIDN'T TURN ON MY INHIBITORS IN TIME--SHE ROLLED INTO IT SO FAST.

WHAT? MY LOYALS-- WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

GIANT, I SUMMON YOU TO DEFEND!

--LEEEEEENNNE...

THAT'S ENOUGH, V. THEY'RE ALL HORNT UP PRETTY GOOD.

--PLEASE DON'T TAKE HIM JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN--

PLEASE MAKE THEM ALL GO JUMP IN THE RIVER SO WE CAN SEARCH-- *AH.*

I THINK NAMORA HAS FOUND HER.

I HAVE. THEY'RE KEEPING HER IN A CELL.

SHE'S KEPT DRUGGED WITH MISTS.

THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOU TOO. LET M-11 BRING HER OUT.

HHRRRNNCCH

HE'S WAY AHEAD OF US.

HAS VENUS SUBDUED ALL THE FOLLOWERS OF THE TEMPLE?

YES... AND *NO.*

WE COULD USE YOU UP HERE--*NOW*, NAMORA.

CAN'T... AFFECT... STONE.

MUST BE MAGIC.

MY RIBCAGE... AIN'T GONNA MAKE IT!

BRAK

AP

ZZZK

RAAH!!

CRUSH WOO'S GENERALS!

WE MUST STOP THE RISE OF ATLAS--HERE AND NOW!

YAAYYYY, SEA SISTER!

I--

:GASP: WHEW.

KABOOOM

WARLORD MY $&%. YOU'RE JUST A BUSTER.
IS THE CAPTIVE OKAY? PLEASE SAY YES.
YES.
WHERE AM I...
SHE SHOULD RECOVER QUICKLY. SHE'S A POWERFUL BEING.
KNOWN AS *CRESSIDA*.
I HEARD OF A NEW SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME...TRIED TO CONTACT A MAN, JIMMY WOO...AND THEN I WAS ATTACKED.
JIMMY GOT YOUR MESSAGE, CRESSIDA. THAT'S WHY WE CAME FOR YOU.
UNFORTUNATELY GENERAL NURONG INTERFERED.
SEE, OUR RECRUITERS, WE WOULD HAVE BOUGHT YA LUNCH.
VEEP VEEP VEEP
THREAT DETECTED.
GET BACK! HIS EYE!!!

SSSHHH

NURONG, YOU SILLY FOOL. I WARNED YOU OF *ATLAS* AND YOU LET THEM RIGHT INTO MY TEMPLE!

YOU HEARD OF US? THEN YOU KNOW IT'S TIME TO HANG IT UP.

I HAD HEARD THAT THERE WERE NEW PAWNS OF THE MIGHTY LAO. YOU MUST BE THE *OLD* ONES.

THAT'S PAWNS OF *JIMMY WOO*, SNAKE!

WELL-- NOT PAWNS. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

GOOD SAVE, DEL.

SO YOU MUST BE ANOTHER DRAGON ADVISOR, LIKE OUR *MR. LAO*.

ADVISOR, SUCH A NICE TERM. *PUPPETEER* IS MORE APT.

DO YOU TRULY THINK *MR. THONG* WOULD SERVE A SIMPLETON LIKE NURONG?

MISTER TH--

NOT NOW, KEN.

YOU ARE POWERFUL PIECES BEING PUSHED AROUND...

...ON THE BOARD OF A GAME THAT HAS BEEN PLAYED SINCE BEFORE YOUR KIND RECORDED HISTORY.

USE YOUR TINY BRAINS, OR THE ALIEN'S LARGER ONE.

THE DRAGON LAO COUNSELED GENGHIS KHAN TO BUILD THE *MONGOL EMPIRE*.

HE MAY CALL IT *ATLAS* NOW, BUT WOO YEN JET IS RECRUITING NEW HEROES OF THE EAST.

IF LAO THINKS HE WILL MAKE THE WINNING MOVE, HE IS WRONG.

OTHERS ARE FINALLY READY TO ACT. THE GREAT *CLASH OF DRAGONS* IS SOON TO

THIS IS A SERPENT'S MOLT--HE'S GONE!

TELEPORTED IN THE SMOKE. REMEMBER THE DRAGON'S CORRIDOR?*

BRING DOWN THE SAUCER, BOB.

WE NEED TO CALL JIMMY.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: AN ANCIENT INTRADIMENSIONAL PASSAGE AROUND THE EARTH.

CRESSIDA, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE. IF YOU STILL WANT TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL, BOB WILL DROP YOU OFF TO MEET THE OTHER TRAINEES.

I WOULD LIKE THAT, MR. WOO.

JIMMY, MR. THONG SEEMED TO SEE THE ATLAS FOUNDATION AS A POWER PLAY. AS FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED, THE DRAGONS ARE CALLING ALL THE SHOTS.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SURE THAT'S HOW MR. LAO SEES IT TOO, VENUS.

I LIKE TO THINK MY IDEAS ARE MY OWN, BUT IT'S HARD NOT TO LISTEN TO A MIND WITH THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

THAT'S HOW THEY GETCHA.

WHAT IF IT'S TRUE? IF ALL THE MAJOR CONQUESTS AND ALLIANCES THAT SHAPED HISTORY ARE OF THEIR SCHEMING?

HOW MANY OTHER DRAGONS ARE OUT THERE IN SECRET?

IT'S WAY PAST TIME WE KNEW.

ATLAS, FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT THE DRAGONS AND WHO THEY WORK WITH.

AN ANCIENT CONFLICT IS COMING TO A HEAD...

...AND I MAY HAVE KICKED IT OFF.

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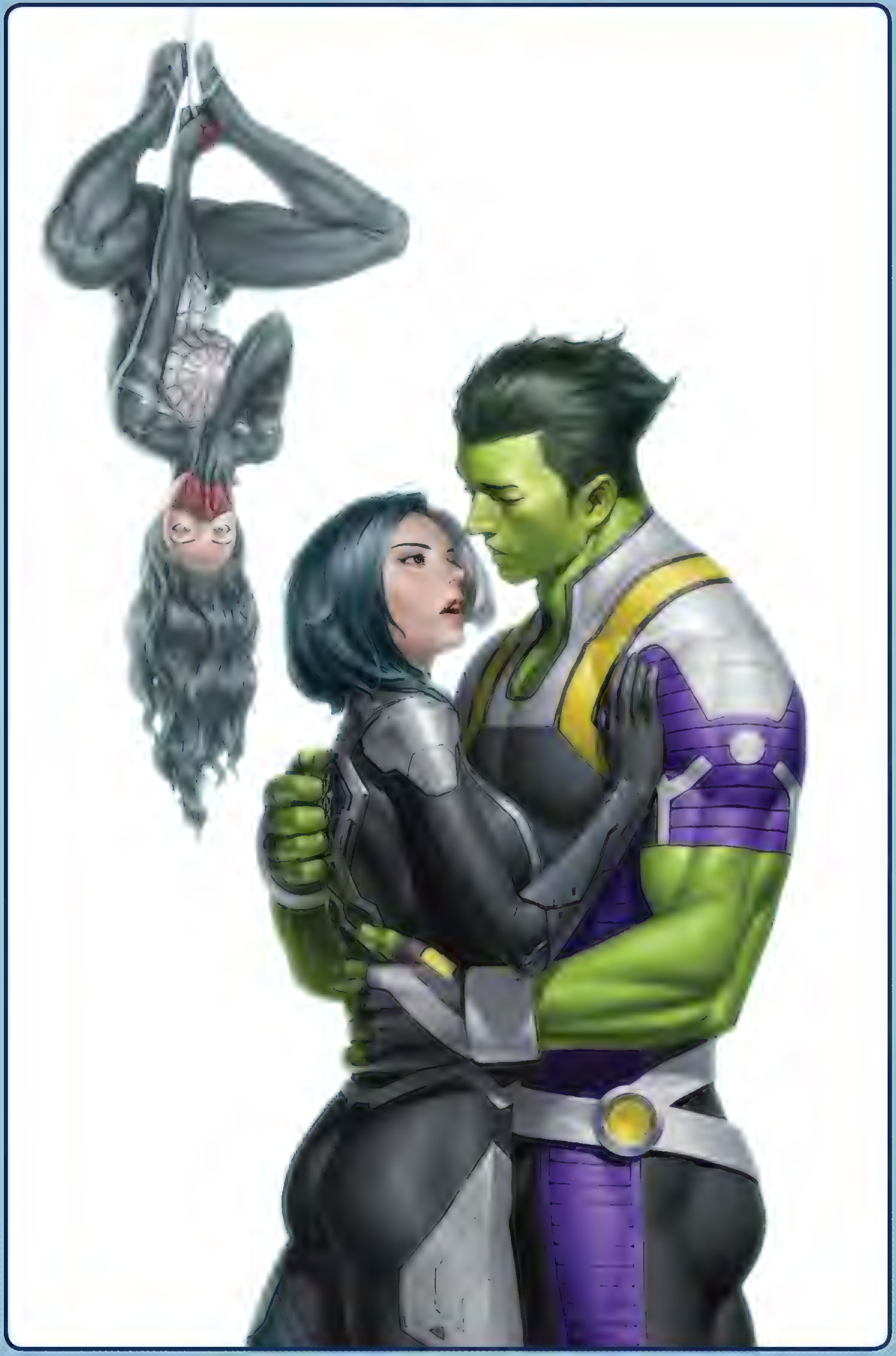


WE'RE HERE WITH BILLIONAIRE VISIONARY MIKE NGUYEN OF THE BIG NGUYEN COMPANY...

...AND CORRECT ME IF I'M GETTING ANY OF THIS WRONG...

WHO'S JUST ACTIVATED...

...A PORTAL CITY MADE UP OF SLICES FROM DOZENS OF ASIAN NEIGHBORHOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

Tech News Today:

THAT'S RIGHT. WHEN YOU BUY A PAN PASS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO STROLL FROM SHIBUYA TO ITAEWON TO MUMBAI TO KAILUA TO NEW YORK'S CHINATOWN IN A SINGLE DAY!

THAT SOUNDS... AMAZING.

Tech News Today: Bre

BUT IT ALSO SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE BREAKING HUNDREDS OF LAWS. I MEAN, HOW DOES THIS WORK WITH CUSTOMS, TARIFFS, IMMIGRATION--

WE'LL WORK ALL THAT OUT, JANIE.

Tech News Today: Breaking

I'LL JUST SAY IT--WE LIVE IN A WORLD FILLED WITH DIVISION AND HATE.

BUT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE READY TO COME TOGETHER--IN A WAY THAT'LL BENEFIT EVERYONE INVOLVED.

THAT'S WHAT PAN'S ALL ABOUT.

Tech News Today: Breaking!

SO YOU'LL DISRUPT YOUR WAY THROUGH IT, HUH?

HA HA!

AH, JANIE, YOU SAY THAT LIKE IT'S A BAD THING!

News Today: Breaking!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE SAFETY ISSUE?

I MEAN, TELEPORTATION'S QUITE A JUMP, IF YOU'LL PARDON THE PUN.

THE BIG NGUYEN COMPANY'S BEEN CREATING THE WORLD'S FINEST CONSUMER TECHNOLOGIES FOR THREE DECADES NOW, AND WE HAVEN'T LOST ANYONE YET.

I ASSURE YOU...

Today: Breaking!

"...IT'S ALL PERFECTLY SAFE."

DOWNTOWN PAN.

FRRRRR

AAAA!

YEE-HA!

WATCH OUT!

SKREEEEE!

THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF *SHOW*, PEOPLE!

THESE ARE *DRAGONS!*

WYVERNS, ACTUALLY.

WHAT?

AMADEUS CHO LEADER OF THE AGENTS OF ATLAS

DRAGONS HAVE *FOUR* LEGS. WYVERNS HAVE *TWO*.

SILK, A.K.A. CINDY MOON

OKAY, WHO ARE YOU AGAIN, AND WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS FIGHTING DRAGONS?

OR WYVERNS!

WHATEVER!

I'M *ISAAC IKEDA*, PROTECTOR OF PAN...

KLAAANG

...AND *DRAGON-LIKE CREATURES* SEEM TO BE *ATTRACTED* TO THE CITY'S *ENERGY SIGNATURE*.

WHY?

I'M NOT THE *GENIUS*, GENIUS...

...JUST THE CHAMPION.

KTHOOOM

KHAAAK!

HELLO AGAIN.

HI.

LUNA SNOW
A.K.A. SEOL HEE

OH MY GOD. HE'S *FLIRTING* WITH *LUNA*. AGAIN.

I SAW.

DID YOU *SEE* THAT?

I *SAW!*

YOU CAN MAKE IT *SNOW*, RIGHT?

IT'S LITERALLY IN MY NAME!

HA! THEY DON'T LIKE THE *COLD!*

YOU HEAR THAT, LADIES?

GOT IT!

AERO, A.K.A. LEI LING.

WAVE, A.K.A. PEARL PANGAN.

WHOOOOOOSH

THAT'S IT!

HEY, WE'RE GETTING PRETTY GOOD AT THIS!

HEE!

KRRAAAAA!

HA HA! IT'S WORKING!

GIANT-MAN, A.K.A. RAZ MALHOTRA

AND DON'T COME BACK!

HOORAY!!!

OH, BOY. THEY REALLY *DO* THINK IT'S A SHOW!

CALM DOWN, AMADEUS. WE *WON!*

NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LOOK AT 'EM RUN!

IF THEY WANTED TO WRECK THE CITY, THEY COULD HAVE.

THEY WERE TESTING OUR STRENGTH.

SWORD MASTER A.K.A. LIN LIE

SHANG-CHI, THE MASTER OF KUNG FU

IT'S ISAAC, RIGHT?

YES. IT'S NICE TO PROPERLY MEET YOU.

LIKEWISE. BUT...

...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

YOU TELEPORTED AWAY WITH THAT *FIRE DRAGON* IN *MADRIPOOR*...

...AND NOW YOU SHOW UP FIGHTING THESE THINGS?

YEAH!

WHAT'S YOUR DEAL, ISAAC? WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?

AND WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THAT FIRE DRAGON?

I'M THE *PROTECTOR OF PAN*. I FIGHT ANYTHING AND *ANYONE* WHO THREATENS THIS CITY.

YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE...

...YOU SHOULD TALK TO THE BOSS.

HELLO, EVERYBODY! I'LL JUST SAY IT--

--YOU'RE AMAZING!

AND NOW EVERYONE CAN SEE THAT PAN WILL ALWAYS BE SAFE...

...SINCE WE'VE GOT THE BEST SUPER HEROES IN THE WORLD DEFENDING IT!

YEEEaAAaAH!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE DON'T WORK FOR YOU!

OF COURSE YOU DON'T!

I'M NOT HERE TO EMPLOY PEOPLE; I'M HERE TO CREATE ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH USERS CAN FIND THEIR BEST EMPLOYMENT!

BUT THESE ARE YOUR CITIES.

YOUR PEOPLE.

AND YOU'RE THEIR PROTECTORS.

I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO DECIDE ANYTHING NOW.

JUST PLEASE ACCEPT THESE COMPLIMENTARY LIFETIME **PAN PASSES**...

...WHICH WILL ENABLE YOUR TEAM TO ACCESS PAN AFTER THE INTRODUCTORY **FREE** PERIOD ENDS **TOMORROW.**

PAN PASS

FAMILY STARTER PACK

AND I'D BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS AN **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR** ROLE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A LITTLE FINANCIAL--

WE'RE **NOT!**

ACTUALLY...

YEAH...

...I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GUYS GET YOUR MONEY...

...BUT I COULD USE A LITTLE--

YOU GUYS ARE ALL ***AGENTS OF ATLAS***--

ME, TOO?

SURE, WHY NOT?

LOOK, IF ANYONE'S GOT A ***MONEY SITUATION***, WE'LL TALK TO JIMMY AND--

AAAAAAAAA!

WHAT THE HECK--?

SHAAAAAAA

AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE CROWD HAS PICKED ITS FAVORITES--

--K-POP STAR TURNED SUPER HERO ***LUNA SNOW*** AND ***ISAAC IKEDA***, THE PROTECTOR OF PAN!

AAAA

MUMBAI SECTOR OF PAN.
THE PAN-ASIAN SCHOOL FOR THE UNUSUALLY GIFTED

SO WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?
THAT'S A SECRET.
OKAY. WHAT ARE YOUR POWERS?
SECRET.
ARE YOU REALLY NAMED ISAAC IKEDA?
SECRET!
HA HA HA HA HA!

JIMMY. IT'S AMADEUS AGAIN.
COME IN COME IN COME IN COME IN.
DANG IT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AMADEUS? GO GET SOME FOOD.
THAT'D MEAN I'D HAVE TO COME WITHIN *TEN FEET* OF THAT GUY.
RIGHT. I GET IT...

...HE'S ALMOST AS ANNOYING AS *YOU*.
I MEAN, HE CALLS HIMSELF THE *PROTECTOR*.
WE WERE THE PROTECTORS! WHEN WE SAVED NEW YORK! THAT'S *OUR* NAME!

DUDE. IT'S JUST A WORD.
WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?
WHY AREN'T YOU?
TOLD YOU. SPIDEY-SENSE. PRETTY CALM.
OKAY. JUST DO ME A FAVOR...

...KEEP AN EYE ON HIM. I WANNA KNOW WHERE HE GOES, WHAT HE DOES, WHO HE REPORTS TO.

OKAY, FINE.

BUT YOU DO *ME* A FAVOR...

...AND STOP FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF.

I'M NOT FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF!

I'M NOT *SULKING!*

RIGHT. LITERALLY SULKING AT THE PARTY.

OKAY. *SEETHING.*

STRATEGIZING!

IN THE FACE OF *DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES!*

FINE. LUNA AND WAVE AND AERO WERE TALKING ABOUT GOING TO NOREBANG IN ITAEWON. CALL ME IF YOU'RE IN.

HMP.

HEY.

OH! HEY! LUNA!

I...I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO ITAEWON...

THIS WHOLE THING... IS *WEIRD*, RIGHT?

WHAT? *YES!*

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO *TELL* EVERYBODY!

AFTER WE FOUGHT OFF THE WYVERNS, DID YOU NOTICE HOW *FAST* THOSE FANS SHOWED UP?

BUT THEY CAME OUT OF *NOWHERE*, WITH A *REPORTER* AND EVERYTHING.

WELL, YEAH, YOU'RE PRETTY FAMOUS.

WAAAIT...

...DO...DO YOU THINK THEY'RE *ROBOTS* OR *CLONES* OR SOMETHING?

WHAT? NO, YOU DUMMY.

I JUST THINK WE'RE BEING *USED*.

FOR *PUBLICITY*.

RIIIIGHT! SO *MIKE NGUYEN* CAN *CASH IN!*

BUT *THEN* WHAT?

I MEAN, WHAT'S HIS BIG PLAN?

IT'S GOTTA BE CONNECTED WITH THE *DRAGONS*...

...LIKE HE CAPTURES THE DRAGONS... CREATES THESE *PORTALS*...

MAYBE!

AND TAKES OVER THE WORLD?

I...DON'T KNOW.

I MEAN, YOU'VE SPENT YEARS FIGHTING *HULKS* AND *GODS* AND *MONSTERS* AND STUFF...

HOW... HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?

YOU'RE... PRETTY FAMOUS YOURSELF.

BUT I WORK IN *SHOWBIZ.*

MOST OF THE *VILLAINS* I KNOW ARE PRETTY *SIMPLE.*

THEY JUST WANT--

GRRRAAAAAAAA!

AAAAAAAGH!

AMADEUS! THE PEOPLE ON THE *RAFT*--

WHAT THE--

GOT 'EM!

GO!

SKRR

YAAAAAA!

WHOA!

ALL RIGHT!

IS--IS EVERYONE OKAY?

WE--WE THOUGHT WE WERE *DEAD.*

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE SAFE NOW. LET'S GET YOU TO--

THIS IS THE *PAN GUARD! FREEZE!*

OH NO.

EVERYBODY, RUN!

HEY! WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?!

THEY CAME WITH THAT *DRAGON!*

NO, THEY WERE BEING *CHASED* BY THAT DRAGON!

HANDS UP!

I--I'M HOLDING A *BABY.* I CAN'T PUT MY--

HANDS UP!

SKRRRRAAAA

HEY!

GRAK!

AAAAAGH!

OUR-- OUR JOB IS TO *PROTECT PAN!*

WHAT'D YOU EXPECT THAT WOMAN TO DO--DROP HER BABY IN THE WATER?

WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH YOU?

THEY--THEY'RE *MADRIPOORIANS!* THEY'RE NOT *AUTHORIZED!*

SO IF WE SEE *UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE* WITH *DRAGONS*--

I TOLD YOU, THE *DRAGON* WAS CHASING *THEM!*

AND WHAT ARE YOU EVEN *TALKING* ABOUT? *EVERYONE* IN PAN'S *UNAUTHORIZED!*

ISN'T THAT NGUYEN'S WHOLE *POINT?*

DISRUPTING BORDERS AND CRAP?

I'M--I'M GOING TO HAVE TO REPORT THIS!

YOU DO THAT!

YOU TELL *IKEDA* AND *NGUYEN* EXACTLY WHAT WE DID AND WHERE THEY CAN FIND US!

WOW.

YEAH. THAT WAS... YOU WERE...

...PRETTY AWESOME.

SO WERE YOU.

NO. YOU WERE.

NO, YOU.

YOU.

HEY, WAIT!

AMADEUS, WHAT'S GOING--

AAAAAH!

STARDUCKS COFI

AAAAAAAH!

STARDUCKS COF

THAT'S PAN FOR YOU!

CELEBRITY! ADVENTURE! ROMANCE!

PAN PASS

AND NOW YOU CAN JOIN IN WITH YOUR VERY OWN PAN PASS.

FOR JUST $1,000 A DAY...

...YOU CAN HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME...

"...IN THE *SAFEST PARADISE* ON *EARTH!*"

THREE

DEAREST GUESTS!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND ***THANK YOU*** FOR MAKING THE DEBUT OF THE ***PORTAL CITY OF PAN*** SUCH A ***STUNNING SUCCESS!***

MIKE NGUYEN, C.E.O. OF THE BIG NGUYEN COMPANY.

OVER THE PAST 24 HOURS, OVER A **MILLION PEOPLE** HAVE SEIZED PAN'S GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITIES...

...STROLLING FROM CITY TO CITY, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, SHARING ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCES!

ALL IN **PERFECT SAFETY**, THANKS TO THE WATCHFUL EYES OF **ISAAC IKEDA** AND THE **PAN GUARD**--

--AND OUR SPECTACULAR FRIENDS FROM THE **AGENTS OF ATLAS!**

BUT NOW THE INTRODUCTORY PERIOD HAS COME TO A CLOSE...

...AND ALL VISITORS WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL CITIES.

WHA--!

SPEEFT

AWW!

BUT THE GLORY OF PAN ISN'T A FLEETING DREAM--IT'S REAL, AND IT'S HERE FOR YOU FOREVER!

STARTING IMMEDIATELY, PAN PASSES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM ANY OF THE GOLDEN GATE KIOSKS IN ANY PAN-CONNECTED CITY.

PAN

WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON IN PAN--

--WITH ALL ITS ADVENTURE...

...BEAUTY...

...AND ROMANCE!

AND *CUT.*

HOW'S IT LOOKING OVER THERE, SAMEENA?

NOT SO GREAT...

...UNLESS A ***QUARTER BILLION DOLLARS*** OF SALES IN ***THREE MINUTES*** MAKES YOU HAPPY!

HA HA!

YES!

I KNEW IT. I KNEW IT, I KNEW IT, I KNEW IT.

I ALWAYS ***TOLD*** YOU I ***KNEW*** IT, DIDN'T I?

YOU CERTAINLY DID...

...BUT IF YOU'LL RECALL, I ALWAYS KNEW SOME THINGS TOO...

...AND NOW YOU'VE GOT CALLS FROM THE PRINCE OF MADRIPOOR, THE PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL...

...AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM TWELVE DIFFERENT ***CUSTOMS AGENCIES*** FROM VARIOUS NATIONS.

AH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM.

THEY ALL JUST WANT A PIECE OF THE PIE.

AND WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS PIE.

MIKE NGUYEN!

AMADEUS CHO A.K.A. BRAWN, LEADER OF THE AGENTS OF ATLAS

OY.

YOU TAKE THAT *KISSING PICTURE* DOWN *RIGHT NOW!*

SEOL HEE, A.K.A. *LUNA SNOW*, K-POP STAR AND SUPER HERO

OH MY GOD, AMADEUS!

YOU SAID YOU AND LUNA WEREN'T--

I KNOW!

YOU'RE *TEAM LEADER!*

I KNOW!

CINDY MOON, A.K.A. *SILK*

I'M SERIOUS!

AH! YES, OF COURSE, MS. SNOW.

BUT I THINK YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT SINCE THAT IMAGE HAS GONE LIVE ON OUR NETWORK...

...SALES OF YOUR LATEST SINGLE HAVE SKYROCKETED BY...

300,502 UNITS.

300,502 UNITS!

*SILICON VALLEY CLOWNS ALWAYS PROMISE **EVERYONE** WILL BENEFIT FROM EVERY DUMB THING THEY DO.*

*BUT THIS IS **REAL**. ASK YOUR **ACCOUNTANTS**.*

*THE **POWER OF PAN** WORKS FOR **ALL** OF US.*

*ACCOUNTANTS? I'M GONNA TALK TO MY **LAWYERS!***

YOU DON'T GET TO STEAL PEOPLE'S--

AAAAAAAH!!

WHAT IS IT?

ISAAC IKEDA, A.K.A. THE PROTECTOR OF PAN.

HEEEELP!

IT'S COMING FROM THE WOODS!

RAZ MALHOTRA, A.K.A. GIANT-MAN.

WHAT THE HECK, RAZ?!

WHEN DID YOU MAKE FRIENDS WITH ISAAC?

I DUNNO...

...HOW ABOUT YOU AND *LUNA*?

GAH!

COME ON, MAN--

--IKEDA WORKS FOR NGUYEN! YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM!

WAKE UP, CHO!

I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY--

--THE SERPENTS ARE!

SHRAAAAAK

HSSSSSSSST!

AAAAAH!

POW

SERPENTS?

DON'T WORRY, FOLKS! WE'VE GOT YOU!

OH MY GOD!

I THOUGHT THE BIG ENEMY WAS *DRAGONS!*

SSSKKRRRRAAAAKK

ACTUALLY...

...YOU MIGHT WANNA ADD *IGUANAS* TO THE LIST.

WHAT'S GOING *ON* HERE?

ISAAC, WHAT DO THEY *WANT?*

I DON'T KNOW! I JUST *FIGHT* 'EM!

ARE YOU FOLKS OKAY?

N-NO! WE JUST GOT ATTACKED BY *MONSTERS!*

MONSAS!

RIGHT. BUT DID ANYONE GET *BITTEN*, OR--

THEY'RE FINE...

...THANKS TO YOU!

NGUYEN! WHAT THE--

EVERYBODY--

AAAAH! DON'T LET THEM TAKE US!

DON'T WORRY--

--NO ONE'S TAKING ANYONE!

--IN THE NAME OF THE *PAN GUARD*--

--*FREEZE!*

CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR, BUDDY!

NGUYEN! WHAT'S WITH THE *COPS*, AND WHY ARE THEY POINTING GUNS AT *INNOCENT PEOPLE?*

*FIRST, AS THE GENTLEMAN SAID, THEY'RE **PAN GUARDS**, NOT COPS.*

*SECOND, THOSE ARE **TEMPORAL PAUSERS**, NOT GUNS.*

BRRZZZAAAAMM

HROINK?

TEMPORAL PAUSERS?

*AND THIRD, THEIR CONFRONTATION WITH THESE POOR PEOPLE WAS A **TERRIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING!***

*THESE REFUGEES HAD BEEN **OUT OF RANGE** WHEN WE ACTIVATED PAN. THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ENTER.*

*SO WE ASSUMED THEY WERE **INVADING** WITH THE HELP OF THE SERPENTS.*

*BUT YOU WERE RIGHT-- THEY WERE BEING **ATTACKED** BY THE SERPENTS!*

SO, WELCOME TO PAN!

*NOW, WHAT ON EARTH **HAPPENED** TO YOU POOR PEOPLE?*

WE-- WE'RE FROM *MADRIPOOR.*

LOWTOWN.

THE SUNG GANG KILLED MY *BROTHER.* SAID THEY'D KILL OUR WHOLE *FAMILY.*

WELL, YOU'RE SAFE NOW.

KOOTCHY KOOTCHY!

HM!

PLEASE ESCORT THESE FOLKS TO THE PAN GRAND HOTEL!

SPECIAL GUESTS OF THE BIG NGUYEN COMPANY!

YES, SIR!

YOU...YOU JUST BROADCAST THAT TO THE *WHOLE WORLD.*

YES, SAMEENA.

I DID.

SO... NOW YOU'RE A HUMANITARIAN?

WE'LL SEE.

HOW ARE YOU GONNA MANAGE THAT?

IT WOULD SURE HELP TO HAVE HEROES LIKE *YOU* BACKING US UP!

AMADEUS--

HROINK!!!

--SERPENT!

C'MON!

MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHY THESE THINGS ARE ATTACKING IF WE CAN--

--KEEP IT FROM DISAPPEARING INTO THE OCEAN...

AW, MAN.

HEY! IT'S *THEM!*

YOU GUYS GONNA *KISS* AGAIN?

HA HA! YEAH!

KISS!

KISS!

KISS!

UGH.

GEEZ...

KTHOOOM

SEOUL.
ATLAS SECRET
BUNKER 394B

BOOM

SOOOO... SORRY ABOUT THAT. THAT WAS REALLY...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

THE WHOLE THING'S JUST REALLY...

...UNCOMFORTABLE.

EXACTLY.

HIIIIII!

LEILING, A.K.A. AERO

WE'RE NOT *INTERRUPTING* ANYTHING, ARE WE?

NO.

OY.

PEARL PANGAN, A.K.A. WAVE

AW, WE'RE SORRY. WE WERE JUST--

NO, IT'S THAT STUPID *MIKE NGUYEN.*

AND THAT'S WHY I PUT OUT THE *ALL CALL.*

WE'VE GOT A *BIG DECISION* TO MAKE, AND I CAN'T GET A HOLD OF *JIMMY*, SO I WANTED TO PUT IT TO A VOTE.

THE OTHERS SHOULD BE HERE ANY--

HEY. WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

WHAT THE HELL?!

WHOA. CALM DOWN.

WHADDAYA MEAN, ***CALM DOWN?***

WHO LET ISAAC INTO THE ***SECRET ATLAS HEADQUARTERS?!***

OOOH! BOBA!

OKAY, I INVITED ISAAC.

I MEAN, YOU SAW HIM PROTECTING THE CIVILIANS. AND HE HAD THIS COOL TELEPORTATION TECH...

AND SILK SAID SHE DIDN'T GET ANY *SPIDEY-DANGER* VIBES OFF HIM.

REALLY?

OKAY! I *TRUST* YOU! IT'S *FINE!*

MAYBE YOU SHOULD *TRUST* YOUR *TEAM* INSTEAD OF TRYING TO *CONTROL* EVERY LITTLE--

BUT YOU GOTTA COME CLEAN, ISAAC. WHAT'S YOUR DEAL? WHAT'S *NGUYEN'S* DEAL?

SECRETS, MY FRIEND.

NO. NO MORE SECRETS. I MEAN, WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?

...

ALL RIGHT.

I'M HERE TO GET YOU GUYS TO *JOIN ME.*

BECAUSE THIS MUCH I CAN TELL YOU...

...I *FIGHT DRAGONS!*

SHING

THAT'S WHAT I DO BEST. THAT'S WHY MIKE NGUYEN HIRED ME.

CLICK

HA!

BUT *WHY* ARE THERE ARE ALWAYS SO MANY DRAGONS WHEREVER HE GOES?

AND WYVERNS! AND SEA SERPENTS! AND IGUANAS!

EXACTLY!

SO...

SO I *ASKED* HIM...

...BUT HE... REALLY KNOWS HOW TO *TALK*...
...AND TALK AND TALK AND *TALK*...
...AND NOT *SAY ANYTHING.*
SOUNDS FAMILIAR.
HA HA.
THAT'S *WEAK,* IKEDA.
I AGREE! THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO JOIN UP! 'CAUSE YOU'RE THE SPY, NOT ME!
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT WHAT NGUYEN'S REALLY DOING FROM THE *INSIDE?*
AMI HAN, A.K.A. WHITE FOX, SOUTH KOREAN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.
LIKE IT'D BE EASIER FOR *YOU* TO FIGURE OUT WHAT *WE'RE* DOING FROM THE INSIDE?
HA! SMART KID.
FINE. MY *IDENTITY* MUST REMAIN *SECRET.* BUT I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO KNOW.
DAN BI, A.K.A. CRESCENT.
OKAY...HOW MUCH DO YOU GET *PAID,* ANYWAY?
A HUNDRED *PANCOINS* A DAY. SAME RATE *YOU'D* GET IF *YOU* JOINED.
PANCOINS?
LIN LIE, A.K.A. SWORD MASTER.
IT'S A CRYPTOCURRENCY. VALUE SHIFTS HOUR TO HOUR. BUT THAT'S ABOUT $2,000 AMERICAN.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
I DAY-TRADE.
WHAT?
WHAT?
SHANG-CHI, MASTER OF KUNG FU.
HANG ON--*2,000 DOLLARS?*
EVERY DAY?
CREDITED DIRECTLY THROUGH YOUR PAN PASS.
AND PAN HAS *NO INCOME TAX.*
HEY HEY HEY HEY...

...JUST BECAUSE THE *MASTER OF KUNG FU* KNOWS A FEW *EXCHANGE RATES*...

...LET'S NOT ASSUME THE MYSTERIOUS *DRAGON FIGHTER'S* GOT THE LAST WORD ON *CROSS-PORTAL TAX LAW.*

AND BESIDES, WE'RE *NOT* TAKING NGUYEN'S *MONEY.*

YYYEAH, BUT DON'T YOU KIND OF *LOVE* THE IDEA OF HIM *PAYING* US TO FIND OUT WHAT HE'S *REALLY* UP TO?

YYYES. BUT *NO.* WE CAN WORK *WITH* HIM BUT NOT *FOR* HIM.

BUT SINCE I KNOW NOT ALL OF US HAVE *DAY JOBS* OR *FAMILY MONEY*...

...UNTIL I CAN REACH JIMMY AND DO THINGS *LEGIT*, I'LL HACK SOME *ATLAS ACCOUNTS* AND START PAYING OUT SOME *STIPENDS.*

IN FACT, LEMME DO THIS RIGHT NOW...

NICE.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

HA.

SO...

...YOU'RE STEALING FROM OUR *FRIEND*...

...INSTEAD OF OUR *ENEMY?*

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE? MAYBE NOT. DOES THIS WHOLE FREAKING *SITUATION* MAKE SENSE?

DEFINITELY NOT!

SO IF ANYONE ELSE HAS *BETTER IDEAS* FOR HOW TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF PAN *AND* FIGURE OUT WHAT NGUYEN'S DOING, I'M *PERFECTLY HAPPY* TO STEP ASIDE AND LET *YOU* RUN THE SHOW!

...

NO?

NOBODY?

WELL, YOU'RE ALL *SMART*, BECAUSE IT'S A FREAKING *NIGHTMARE.*

AH, YOU'RE DOING A *FANTASTIC* JOB, CHO.

AND STOP WORRYING...

SOCK

"...THIS IS GOING TO BE *AWESOME.*"

DOWNTOWN PAN.

FLUSHING SECTOR OF PAN.

PULL YOUR BUTT IN!

IT'S *IN!*

MACTAN ISLAND.
CEBU

I LOVE YOU, LOLO.

AW, PEARL...

PAN GRAND HOTEL.

HA HA!

YEAH, YEAH, LAUGH IT UP.

ALL RIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH. I'M RE-ESTABLISHING CONTACT.

NOT YET.

COME ON. WE COULD ALREADY BE--

NOW, NOW, JIMMY WOO...

JIMMY WOO, LEADER OF THE ATLAS FOUNDATION.

...*YOU'RE* THE ONE WHO'S BEEN TELLING ME THESE ***NEW AGENTS*** OF YOURS CAN BE ***TRUSTED.***

LET'S GIVE THEM A LITTLE MORE ***TIME*** AND SEE WHAT THEY DO WITH IT.

EVERYTHING'S COMING TO A HEAD, LAO. AND WE'RE ***BEHIND.***

I'VE ALREADY SEEN THEM IN BATTLE. WE DON'T NEED TO KEEP ***TESTING*** THEM--

AH, BUT WE ***DO...***

...SO THAT THEY LEARN FOR ***THEMSELVES*** WHAT THEY'LL FIGHT FOR...

...AND WHAT THEY ***WON'T.***

DON'T WORRY, JIMMY WOO. IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE ***METTLE*** TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE...

...THEY'LL SOON ***WEED*** THEMSELVES ***OUT.***

OKAY, MS. THRASAPALAT, WE'VE OPENED DISCUSSIONS WITH FOUR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ABOUT TAKING YOU IN.

AND IN THE MEANTIME, YOU CAN STAY RIGHT HERE IN THE HEART OF PAN AS LONG AS YOU NEED.

SO YOU CAN VISIT ANY OF THESE DOCTORS AND COUNSELORS--

TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH.

=SOB=

OH, IT'S ALL RIGHT!

YOU-- YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...

SUPPLIES

...THIS FEELS LIKE A *DREAM.*

WE'RE *LOWTOWN.*

NO ONE CARES ABOUT LOWTOWN.

GEEN!

HA!

WELL...

...YOU GOT *US* NOW.

UGH.

I KNOW. BUT I SAW A POST ON THE *INVESTORS' FORUM.*

IT'D BE *BAD PRESS* TO KICK THEM OUT NOW...

...BUT NO ONE *ELSE* IS GETTING IN WITHOUT A *PAN PASS.*

AND THOSE COST A *THOUSAND* A DAY. SO DON'T WORRY...

CEO

SUPPLIES

"...NGUYEN KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING."

BIG NGUYEN COMPANY HQ.

MR. NGUYEN, ON BEHALF OF LUNA SNOW ENTERPRISES, LTD., I'M HERE TO NOTIFY YOU THAT YOU ARE BEING SUED FOR **COPYRIGHT** AND **TRADEMARK** INFRINGEMENT.

WAIT, *WHAT?*

YOU APPROPRIATED MS. SNOW'S TRADE-MARKED LIKENESS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION IN THE ADVERTISING FOR THE PORTAL CITY OF PAN AND ITS PAN PASSES...

...A PARTICULARLY INJURIOUS VIOLATION BECAUSE SEVERAL OF MY CLIENT'S KEY CONTRACTS INCLUDE A "NO DATING" CLAUSE...

*...WHICH SHE IS **NOT** VIOLATING BECAUSE SHE IS **NOT** DATING...*

*...CONTRARY TO THE **LIBELOUS MESSAGE** CONVEYED BY YOUR ADVERTISING.*

SO WE ENJOIN YOU TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST AND PAY DAMAGES OF 25 PERCENT OF YOUR GROSS PROFITS FROM PAN PASS SALES DURING THE TIME YOU USED MY CLIENT'S IMAGE.

THAT'S ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS.

INTERNATIONAL LAW IS VERY CLEAR--

EXCEPT IN PLACES WHERE IT DOESN'T APPLY.

LIKE THE HEART OF PAN, WHERE I'M STANDING RIGHT NOW. WHICH DOESN'T EXIST IN ANY COUNTRY ON THE PLANET.

OKAY, FINE. YOU REALLY WANT TO TEST THAT THEORY? WE'LL SEE YOU IN COURT.

NO, YOU WON'T.

YOU'LL ACCEPT A LOW SEVEN-FIGURE SETTLEMENT AND A PROMISE TO IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE THE USE OF SAID IMAGERY.

WELL, I'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS--

GOOD DAY, MA'AM.

ALL RIGHT. PULL THE IMAGE.

MIKE...WE'RE MAKING BANK ON SAFETY AND ADVENTURE...

...BUT ALL OF OUR METRICS INDICATE THAT THE BIGGEST SALES DRIVER BY FAR IS ***ROMANCE***...

I KNOW...

"...WHICH IS WHY I'VE ALREADY GOT *ANOTHER* ONE IN MIND..."

HA HA HA!

FOUR

PORTAL CITY OF PAN.

OKAY, YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR FIRST PAYCHECKS... *NOW.*

OH MY GOD!

YESSSSS!

BLEEP

BLEEP

LIN LIE, A.K.A. SWORD MASTER.

AMADEUS CHO, LEADER OF THE AGENTS OF ATLAS.

PEARL PANGAN, A.K.A. WAVE

I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MUCH MONEY IN ONE PLACE.

CHO! YOU REALLY CAME THROUGH!

YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN GIVING EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO THE AGENTS OF ATLAS. YOU DESERVE EVERY PENNY.

LET'S GET SUSHI!

YES!

HA HA!

GUM? GUM?

UGH!

I THOUGHT THIS PLACE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE *CLEAN.*

HMPH.

OKAY, WHO HAD THE SASHIMI WITH THE AMAEBI NIGIRI?

ME ME ME!

SUSHI ROLL
TOBIKKO
SUSHI ROLL
SUSHI ROLL

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

NO *BEGGING* ON THE STREET!

THEY'RE *EATING*, NOT BEGGING!

FINE. NO *EATING* ON THE STREET.

NOW *MOVE* IT!

WHY DON'T *YOU* GUYS MOVE IT?

LIN LIE...

HAND OFF THE SWORD, PAL!

WATCH IT, YOU--

SHING

WHA--

SHAAAANGK

I WARNED YOU!

CLAAANG

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

ISAAC IKEDA, PROTECTOR OF PAN

ASK YOUR GOONS!

SHING

SHAKOOOOOM

WHAT THE HECK?!

WE'RE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE!

ENOUGH.

YOU'RE *DONE*, ISAAC!

YOU CAN'T *ATTACK* FOR *NO REASON* AND EXPECT--

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE!

YOUR *GUARDS* WERE *BULLYING* THOSE *KIDS!*

WHAT?

THEY...WERE CREATING A *PUBLIC DISTURBANCE.*

NO. THEY WERE *POOR.* AND *SOMEONE* APPARENTLY DIDN'T WANT THEM *AROUND.*

WAVE...SWORD MASTER...

...I AM *SO SORRY.*

LOOK, WE WERE JUST FOLLOWING--

SAVE IT.

CLICK

VOOOOOOOOOP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

RAZ MALHOTRA, A.K.A. GIANT-MAN.

LEI LING, A.K.A. AERO.

YEAH, WE HEARD THERE WAS *FIGHTING?*

EVERYONE, HUDDLE UP!

SEOL HEE, A.K.A. LUNA SNOW

THINGS JUST GOT ***SERIOUS.*** SO NO MORE FOOLING AROUND.

WE GOTTA GET TO THE ***BOTTOM*** OF WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS CRAZY JOINT.

AERO, WAVE, LUNA...

...WITH YOUR ***ELEMENTAL*** ABILITIES, YOU'RE THE MOST ***POWERFUL*** AMONG US.

HUH!

YEAH, I GUESS WE ARE!

HA!

AND YOU'VE ALSO GOT THE ABILITY TO READ THE ***WIND*** AND ***WATER.***

THE THREE OF YOU NEED TO PATROL THE CITY AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ***DRAGONS.***

LET'S FIND 'EM ***BEFORE*** THEY ATTACK NEXT TIME.

ALL RIGHT, WE'RE ON IT!

AND SEE IF YOU CAN'T ***CATCH*** ONE!

WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT ONCE AND FOR ALL WHAT THEY'RE ***DOING*** HERE!

OKAY. ***RAZ.*** YOU'RE FRIENDLY WITH ISAAC, RIGHT?

SURE, I GUESS.

YOU GOTTA GET ***FRIENDLIER.***

OOOKAY...

WAAAAIT A MINUTE...

...YOU'RE *FRIENDLY* FRIENDLY?

HA!

CINDY MOON, A.K.A. SILK.

WE'RE JUST...

...I MEAN...

...GETTING TO *KNOW* EACH OTHER A LITTLE, I GUESS...

AWW!

LOOK, AMADEUS, I'M NOT GONNA *SPY* ON HIM.

I'LL JUST *TALK* TO HIM, ALL RIGHT? I'M SURE HE'LL TELL US WHATEVER WE--

YOU KNOW THAT *FIGHTING* THAT JUST HAPPENED WAS WITH *HIM!*

WHAT?

THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME MISTAKE!

SILK, YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANY BAD *SILK-SENSE* VIBES, ARE YOU?

WELL, HE'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW, SO...

IT'S GONNA BE FINE.

I'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.

OKAY...

...HE'S GONNA GET HIS HEART BROKEN, ISN'T HE?
I DUNNO.
TCH.
OKAY, YOU GUYS...
...*OUR* JOB IS TO INFILTRATE *MIKE NGUYEN'S* HEADQUARTERS.
SEE WHAT THE *FOUNDER* OF *PAN'S* REALLY UP TO.
FINALLY.
KRAKT
COME ON. WE'LL GET GEARED UP.
AMI HAN, A.K.A. WHITE FOX. KOREAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
OH, YEAH, YOU GOT SECRET SPY STUFF, DON'T YOU?
MAYBE DON'T *YELL* ABOUT IT IF IT'S SECRET?
SHANG-CHI, MASTER OF KUNG FU.
HEY.
HEY.
...I GOT SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YA.
I FIGURED.
YOU GOTTA FIND JIMMY.
JIMMY?
I KNOW NO ONE WANTS TO *TALK* ABOUT IT, BUT THE *LEADER OF ATLAS* IS *HIDING* SOMETHING.

HECK, HE'S LITERALLY *HIDING.*

HE MADE US ALL *AGENTS OF ATLAS*, BUT WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW BIG HIS *ATLAS FOUNDATION* IS OR WHAT THE HELL HE'S REALLY UP TO.

LOOK, I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY...

...BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING HERE.

JIMMY JUST PUT ME IN CHARGE AND *TOOK OFF.*

SO MAYBE THIS IS SOME KIND OF STUPID *TEST*...

...OR MAYBE IT'S A *TRAP.*

OR...

...MAYBE HE'S IN *TROUBLE.*

YEAH. THAT'D BE GOOD.

I MEAN, THAT'D BE *BAD.*

BUT IT KINDA BEATS THE ALTERNATIVE.

JIMMY WOO...IS A *FRIEND.*

THAT'S RIGHT. AND YOU'VE KNOWN HIM LONGER THAN ANYONE.

SO YOU'RE IN THE BEST POSITION TO *SAVE* HIM...

...OR, GOD HELP US...

...SAVE US *FROM* HIM.

VANCOUVER SECTOR OF PAN.

PAN GUARDS, COME IN! WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE?!

SORRY, SIR! IT'S OUR NEW ATTACK TANK!

IT PROBABLY THOUGHT YOU ABDUCTED US!

SHUT IT DOWN!

WE--WE CAN'T!

BRRZZAAAM BRRAZZAM

LET ME TRY.

STOMMP

HA HA! THANKS, RAZ!

HEY, YOU WANNA GO TO MADRIPOOR LATER? THERE'S A NEW NOODLE PLACE EVERYONE SAYS IS GREAT.

UH, YEAH, DEFINITELY!

BUT, UH...

SKRRAAK

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

WELL...

...AMADEUS STILL THINKS YOU MIGHT BE HIDING SECRETS ABOUT PAN, BUT I SAID I WASN'T GONNA *SPY* ON YOU BECAUSE THAT'S *WRONG*, OBVIOUSLY. INSTEAD I WAS JUST GONNA *TALK* TO YOU DIRECTLY, YOU KNOW, LIKE *TWO NORMAL PEOPLE* WHO *RESPECT* EACH OTHER.

...

I MEAN, THIS WHOLE THING IS WEIRD AND UNFAIR. WE JUST MET, RIGHT? FOUGHT SOME DRAGONS. TOOK A STROLL THROUGH KYOTO. HELD HANDS. AND SUDDENLY THERE'S THIS WHOLE BIG TEST OF *ETHICS* AND *LOYALTY* AND EVERYTHING ALL AT ONCE!

...

WHAT?

YOU'RE CUTE.

BRAKOOM BRAKOOM BRAKOOM

WHOA!

OKAY, RAZ...

SKRAAAKOOOOM

...WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

WELL, TO START...WHAT'S UP WITH THESE *TANKS?*

AND *MIKE NGUYEN* IN GENERAL?

YOU REALLY THINK THERE'S SOME KIND OF MYSTERY THERE?

HE'S A BILLIONAIRE WHO WANTS TO BE A TRILLIONAIRE.

SO HE'S GONNA BE *NICE* IF IT MAKES HIM MONEY AND MAYBE *NOT* SO NICE IF IT *DOESN'T.*

BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS. I DIDN'T SIGN UP TO HELP HIM PUSH *POOR PEOPLE* AROUND WITH *GUARDS* AND *TANKS.*

I CAME HERE TO *FIGHT DRAGONS!*

HA!

WHAT?

YOU'RE... KINDA CUTE YOURSELF.

I KNOW.

HA!

THIS IS A GOOD SPOT.

IF ANY DRAGONS TRY TO ENTER THE CITY FROM THE SKY, I'LL SENSE THEM FROM HERE.

HILO SECTOR OF PAN.

I'LL DO THE SAME FROM THE WATER.

IT'S A LITTLE HARD FOLLOWING THE CURRENTS THROUGH THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF PAN...

...BUT I THINK I'VE GOT IT.

GREAT...

...YOU GUYS DO THAT.

I'LL JUST...

TING

...CHILL.

HA HA!

UFF.

WHAT ARE WE *DOING* HERE, ANYWAY?

LOOKING FOR *DRAGONS*, LIKE AMADEUS SAID.

BEYOND THAT.

I MEAN WITH THIS *WHOLE SITUATION.*

WITH *PAN.*

AND THIS WHOLE *TEAM.*

WE'RE JUST RUNNING FROM *CRISIS* TO *CRISIS.*

THAT'S KIND OF WHAT I'VE DONE MY WHOLE *LIFE*, SO...

I'M JUST SAYING...

...I DON'T LIKE GETTING *PUSHED INTO* THINGS.

IT MAKES ME *SUSPICIOUS.*

BLING BLING

HM.

WHAT?

MY LAWYER.

SHE JUST GOT A *TWELVE-MILLION-DOLLAR* SETTLEMENT FROM MIKE NGUYEN FOR USING THAT STUPID *KISSING PICTURE* WITHOUT MY CONSENT.

ALL RIGHT!

TWELVE... MILLION...

WELL, MY LAWYER GETS FIVE PERCENT. TEN TO MY MANAGER. A BUNCH TO TAXES. THERE'S THE OVERHEAD FOR THE COMPANY, AND--

YOU'RE *RICH.*

I...

...I GUESS.

...

I MEAN, THAT'S *AWESOME...*

...BUT I JUST GOT PAID SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR BEING AN *AGENT OF ATLAS* TODAY AND IT DAMN NEAR *CHANGED* MY *LIFE.*

I'M... I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO--

OH, NO!

I WASN'T TRYING TO MAKE YOU FEEL BAD!

I JUST...

I MEAN, YOU'RE *RIGHT*. THE TEAM'S ALL OVER THE PLACE.

MIKE NGUYEN'S DEFINITELY... *QUESTIONABLE*.

AND YEAH, AMADEUS IS TOTALLY IN OVER HIS HEAD.

BUT I JUST GAVE MY LOLO ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY RENT FOR THREE MONTHS.

AND THE GUY WHO DELIVERED OUR LUNCH TODAY SAID HE'S GOTTEN ENOUGH TIPS FROM PAN TOURISTS *JUST THIS WEEKEND* TO SEND HIS DAUGHTER TO *MUSIC CAMP*.

SUSHI ROLL

SUSHI ROLL

AND THOSE *REFUGEES* YOU SAVED AREN'T BEING HUNTED BY *DRUG DEALERS* IN MADRIPOOR ANYMORE.

SO IF WE BAIL ON *ATLAS*...

...IF WE BAIL ON *PAN*...

...WE BAIL ON *THEM*.

UGH.

OKAY, NOW I FEEL--

DON'T--

--TOTALLY GUILTY!

SELFISH!

THOUGHTLESS!

OH NO!

I'M SORRY!

UFF.

WHERE'S A *DRAGON ATTACK* WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

OH...

...THERE'S SOMETHING ALMOST AS GOOD.

ROMANCE! ADVENTURE! ALL HERE IN PAN!

AAAAAH!

ROMANCE! ADVENTURE! ALL HERE IN PAN!

OH BOY.

WELL. AT LEAST YOU AND *LUNA* ARE OFF THE HOOK.

YYYEAH...

ROMANCE! ADVENTURE! ALL HERE IN PAN!

WHAT WAS *THAT* ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY?

I DUNNO. I MEAN, *NOTHING.* WE JUST HAD A LITTLE MOMENT, I GUESS.

EH, IT NEVER WOULD HAVE WORKED.

WHAT?

LUNA WAS BORN AND RAISED IN *SEOUL.* YOU'RE TOO *AMERICAN.*

WHAT?

YOU SPEAK KOREAN LIKE A *LITTLE KID.*

HE SPEAKS *ENGLISH* THE SAME WAY.

WHATEVER!

LOOK, WE'RE HERE.

THE *HEART OF PAN.*

WHAT'S *KOREAN INTELLIGENCE* GOT FOR US, WHITE FOX?

THE AREA CONTAINS MIKE NGUYEN'S TOWER, THE PAN GRAND HOTEL, THE PAN GUARD HEADQUARTERS, AND A FEW ACRES OF GARDENS AND PARKS.

BUT MOST INTERESTINGLY, IT'S THE ONLY AREA IN THE CITY THAT ***DOESN'T*** CORRESPOND TO A KNOWN CHUNK OF GEOGRAPHY ON PLANET EARTH.

SO... WHERE ***ARE*** WE?

HAVEN'T FIGURED THAT OUT YET. NO VISIBLE ***STARS*** HERE.

MIGHT BE ON ANOTHER PLANET. MIGHT BE PART OF AN ALTERNATE POCKET UNIVERSE.

BUT RIGHT NOW, MY BEST GUESS IS THAT IT'S JUST ***MAGIC.***

WHICH WOULD BE ANNOYING.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ***MAGIC?***

NO OFFENSE...

...IT'S JUST THAT BY DEFINITION, THE ***NUMBERS*** DON'T ***ADD UP.***

SO MY ***BIG BRAIN*** ISN'T THE BIGGEST HELP HERE.

BUT THAT'S WHY ***YOU'RE*** HERE.

YOU'RE A ***KUMIHO,*** RIGHT?

AMADEUS, JUST 'CAUSE SHE'S A ***KUMIHO*** DOESN'T MEAN SHE CAN ***SNIFF OUT*** ANY OLD MAGIC FOR YOU.

ACTUALLY...

...LET ME TAKE A PEEK AROUND.

ALL RIGHT! MEET US IN THE ***PAN GRAND!***

YEAH... THE HOTEL?

"...WE'RE GONNA CHECK IN ON SOME FRIENDS."

MAMADEUS!

HEY, KIDDO!

HA!

AMADEUS, HOW ARE YOU?

RAAARRR!

JUST FINE, MS. THRASAPALAT.

WOW, YOU'RE TEACHING *TAI CHI* NOW?

YES! MIKE NGUYEN'S PEOPLE SET US UP WITH *WORK PERMITS*--

--AND *CITIZENSHIP PAPERS!*

CITIZENSHIP PAPERS?

YES! WE'RE *PANIANS* NOW!

THAT'S... A THING?

IT *BETTER* BE.

WE'RE KIND OF BETTING OUR *LIVES* ON IT.

WELL, YEAH, *CONGRATS!*

YEAH, I MEAN, THAT'S *GREAT!*

WHAT'S...WHAT'S WRONG?

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

WE WERE JUST WONDERING... IF YOU'VE NOTICED ANYTHING...

IT'S THE *DRAGONS,* ISN'T IT?

AT NIGHT, WE HEAR THEM *ROARING.*

RRAAARR!

IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM THE *TOWER.*

NGUYEN'S TOWER?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

I DUNNO. BUT THAT CLOWN'S BEEN *LYING* TO US.

WE GOTTA GET IN THERE.

WAIT A MINUTE...

...ARE YOU SAYING...ARE YOU SAYING MIKE NGUYEN'S IN *TROUBLE?*

HONESTLY, MS. THRASAPALAT...

...I KIND OF THINK HE *IS* THE TROUBLE.

THEN...

...WHAT ABOUT *PAN?*

WHAT ABOUT *US?*

MS. THRASAPALAT...

...I PROMISE YOU...

...WE'RE GONNA MAKE SURE *YOU'RE* OKAY...

"...NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ***NGUYEN*** AND ANYONE WHO'S ***CONSPIRING*** WITH HIM."

MUMBAI SECTOR OF PAN.
THE PAN-ASIAN SCHOOL FOR THE UNUSUALLY GIFTED.

HEY.

YOU'RE ON A ***MISSION,*** AREN'T YOU?

DAN BI. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I GO TO SCHOOL HERE NOW. BUT I'M REALLY ***UNDERCOVER.***

WHY DIDN'T YOU GUYS ***TELL*** ME YOU'RE DOING MISSIONS?

YOU'RE ***NINE.***

TEN!

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ***JIMMY,*** AREN'T YOU?

NO ONE'S SEEN HIM FOR A WHILE.

HIS OFFICE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE HE EVER USED IT.

BUT I POKED AROUND A LITTLE...

...AND LOOK AT THIS!

WHATEVER HE'S HIDING IS DOWN HERE.

I JUST HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO OPEN IT YET.

COME ON, SHANG-CHI!

DON'T YOU WANNA FIND OUT ALL THE *SECRETS?*

UNFORTUNATELY, DAN BI...

...I THINK I JUST DID.

DON'T WORRY, JIMMY! IT'LL BE A BIG NGUYEN FOR BOTH OF US!

--MIKE

FIVE

HEART OF PAN.

ALL RIGHT. THERE'S *MIKE NGUYEN'S* TOWER...

...DO WE *SNEAK* IN OR *SMASH* IN?

AMADEUS CHO, DE FACTO LEADER OF THE AGENTS OF ATLAS.

I CIRCLED THE JOINT THREE TIMES. THERE'S NO ENTRANCE.

AND THERE'S SOME KIND OF *MAGICAL FIELD* COVERING THE WHOLE BUILDING. I DON'T THINK YOUR *TELEPORTER* WILL WORK.

GUESS THAT LEAVES *SMASHING.*

HANG ON, HANG ON...

LIN LIE, A.K.A. *SWORD MASTER.*

AMI HAN, A.K.A. *WHITE FOX.*

CINDY MOON, A.K.A. *SILK.*

...MIKE NGUYEN HASN'T *ATTACKED* US.

NO, HE JUST SET UP A CREEPY *PARAMILITARY* TO PROTECT HIS EXTRA-LEGAL *CROSS-DIMENSIONAL DOMAIN* THAT KEEPS GETTING ATTACKED BY *DRAGONS,* AND HE HASN'T EXPLAINED *ANY* OF IT.

WELL, MAYBE BEFORE KICKING IN HIS DOOR...

...WE SHOULD *ASK* HIM.

UHHHHGGGGG!

HEY! JUST A KOOKY IDEA!

C'MON, SILK. HE'S NOT GONNA REALLY *TELL* US ANYTHING.

HE'S ONE OF THESE JUST *TALK-TALK-TALK-TALK* GUYS.

SO ARE *YOU.*

WHAT?

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE *SMART,* AMADEUS. THAT'S YOUR THING.

GET HIM IN A *CONVERSATION* AND *PAY ATTENTION* AND YOU'RE GONNA LEARN *SOMETHING.*

HEY, THERE HE IS!

ALL RIGHT! GO FOR IT!

I...DON'T *FEEL* SO SMART THESE DAYS.

WELL, YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING *NEW.*

JIMMY PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF THE *AGENTS OF ATLAS.*

YOU'RE JUST NOT USED TO *LEADING.*

OH, IS *THAT* WHAT IT IS?

A LITTLE *IMPOSTOR'S SYNDROME* IS NATURAL.

IMPOSTOR'S SYNDROME?

I'VE NEVER HAD IMPOSTOR'S SYNDROME IN MY LIFE!

SO WOULD YOU CALL YOURSELF A *BIG* BABY?

OR THE *BIGGEST* BABY?

HMPH.

HEY, NGUYEN...

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO CALL ME MIKE, AMADEUS?

UH... MIKE...

...WE NEED TO TALK.

ABSOLUTELY. BUT I'M A BIT OCCUPIED RIGHT THIS MOMENT...

WHOA!

FWOOOSH!

WELCOME TO HEART OF PAN!

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE!

PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUARDS--

--THEY'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR NEW HOMES IN THE PAN GRAND!

UNCLE!

ANGIE!

WE-- WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!

SO DID I!

BUT THESE *PAN GUARDS* CAME OUT OF *NOWHERE*...

...AND *HERE WE ARE!*

YESTERDAY YOUR GUARDS WERE HARASSING *PANHANDLERS*...

...AND NOW THEY'RE SAVING MORE *REFUGEES?*

THEY'RE NOT REFUGEES NOW, AMADEUS.

THEY'RE PANIANS.

AND THANKS TO YOU AND THE AGENTS OF ATLAS, THEY'LL BE SAFE HERE.

FINALLY.

OKAY, ABOUT THAT--

AAAAAA--

--AAAAAAAOOOOOORRRRROOOO--

WHAT THE HECK...

PAN-ASIAN SCHOOL FOR THE UNUSUALLY GIFTED.
MUMBAI SECTOR OF PAN.
--OOOOOOORRRR--
--RRRR

AAAARRROOOOOOO!

DAGGON.

DRAGON.

YEAH.

SILK-SENSE?

CLANGING AWAY.

I *DID* TRY TALKING.

YES, YOU DID.

AND NOW I THINK...

...YOU CAN TRY SMASHING.

YAAAAA!

HEY!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WE'RE HERE TO STOP YOU.

STOP ME FROM WHAT?

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING UP.

SWORD MASTER, WHITE FOX, CLIMB ON!

WAIT, AMADEUS...

WHATEVER YOU AND JIMMY HAVE PLANNED!

JIMMY AND I HAVE NOTHING PLANNED!

YOU PARTNERED WITH HIM TO BUILD THIS PLACE, DIDN'T YOU?

NO.

WE JUST SIGNED AN EXTRA-GOVERNMENTAL NONAGGRESSION TREATY BETWEEN ATLAS AND PAN...

KTHOOOM

...WHICH YOU'VE JUST VIOLATED, INCIDENTALLY.

HOW CAN I *VIOLATE* A *TREATY* I'M NOT *PARTY* TO?

YOU WORK FOR JIMMY.

BRRZZZAM BRZZAAM

WITH, NOT FOR.

AND JIMMY'S BEEN GONE FOR WEEKS.

AH. *PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY*...

SKRAAKAM

...I GET IT.

AAANG

RRRAAAARRR!

TRWIPP

SHANG-CHI! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

WE'RE IN A SECRET TUNNEL UNDER JIMMY'S OFFICE.

I THINK WE'RE CROSSING INTO ANOTHER SECTOR OF PAN...

YES... WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO...

...AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE *ATLAS FOUNDATION.*

JIMMY.

YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING SECRETS.

I ALWAYS HAVE. DIDN'T SEEM TO BOTHER YOU BEFORE.

THAT WAS BACK WHEN I *TRUSTED* YOU.

YOU CAN STILL TRUST ME.

MAYBE...

...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE *DRAGON?*

GREETINGS, SHANG-CHI.

I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU.

WAIT A MINUTE. *JIMMY'S* GOT A *DRAGON?!*

WELL, THAT'S A PRETTY WILD COINCIDENCE...

AAAARGGGGG!

...BECAUSE *NGUYEN'S* GOT A DRAGON TOO!

OKAY! NOT A *HUGE* SURPRISE SINCE WE'VE ALL BEEN *HEARING* THIS DRAGON...

ISAAC, I COULD USE YOU HERE AT HOME BASE.

BUT *WHY* DO YOU HAVE A *DRAGON*?!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE **SMART**, AMADEUS.

DRAGON ***SCALES*** CONTAIN ***MAGICAL PROPERTIES*** ASSOCIATED WITH ***PORTALS*** AND ***TELEPORTATION.***

PAN PASS

THEY'RE INCORPORATED IN EVERY SINGLE PIECE OF PAN TECH.

THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE WHOLE OPERATION.

WAIT... YOU'RE...YOU'RE ***HARVESTING*** THEM?

THEY GROW BACK. IT'S FINE.

ARRRGGGGGH!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE NEED AN ACTUAL, ***LIVE DRAGON*** HERE IN THE HEART OF PAN TO KEEP ALL THE DISTRIBUTED SCALES ***ACTIVATED.***

SO ***THIS*** IS WHY THE DRAGONS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING!

THIS IS ***WRONG.***

WE'RE LETTING IT ***GO.***

KLAANGG

NO!

ISAAC IKEDA
PROTECTOR
OF PAN

SKLAAANG

AARROOOO!

ISAAC,
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

BACK OFF,
CHO!

THIS
DRAGON STAYS
EXACTLY WHERE
SHE *IS!*

AMADEUS,
DON'T LISTEN
TO HIM!

YOU HAVE
TO *FREE* THAT
DRAGON!

*THAT'S
WHAT I WAS
PLANNING
TO DO--*

--BUT SINCE
YOU'RE TELLING
ME TO DO IT, I'M
SUDDENLY NOT
SO SURE!

WHAT'S WITH
YOUR DRAGON,
JIMMY? WHAT'S
GOING ON?

*MY
DRAGON?*

*HEH-
HEH.*

MR. LAO
DOESN'T BELONG
TO *ME*, OR *ANYONE*,
AMADEUS.

NO
DRAGON
DOES.

*"MR.
LAO"?*

A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE FINALLY, AMADEUS CHO.

I AM AN *ADVISOR*...

...*HIGH COUNCIL* TO THE *ATLAS FOUNDATION.*

AND I TELL YOU...

...IF THAT *SERPENT* IS WHO I *THINK* SHE IS...

...YOU MUST *RELEASE* HER OR RISK AWAKENING THE WRATH OF *EVERY* DRAKE, DRAKON, WYVERN AND WYRM ON THIS *PLANET!*

ARRROOOOOOO!

I CAPTURED THIS MONSTER A YEAR AGO.

IT WAS RAZING THE MAURETANIAN COAST.

IT'S A *KILLER.*

YOU *CAN'T* LET IT GO.

NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT IF YOU *FREE* THAT DRAGON...

...THE CITY OF *PAN* ITSELF...

...WILL *COLLAPSE*...

"...AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO NOW DEPEND ON IT WILL BE *ABANDONED.*

"I'M NOT *JUST* TALKING ABOUT THE *INVESTORS...*

"...OR THE *TOURISTS...*

"...OR EVEN THE *FAMILIES,* OLD AND NEW, WHO HAVE UNITED ACROSS BORDERS...

"...OR EVEN THE COUNTLESS *WORKERS* AND *SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS...*

"...*MICRO-FARMERS* AND *TRADESPEOPLE...*

"...EVEN THOSE *STREET KIDS* SELLING *OFF-BRAND CANDY...*

"...*ALL* OF WHOSE LIVELIHOODS HAVE BEEN *VASTLY IMPROVED* THROUGH *SKYROCKETING* SALES AND WAGES.

"NO...

"...I'M TALKING ABOUT LITERAL *LIFE* AND *DEATH.*

"*ANGIE THRASAPALAT* AND HER *CHILD.*

"*ALL* THE REFUGEES.

"THE NEW *PANIANS.*

"THEY'LL BE *STATELESS...*

"...AND THEY'LL *DIE.*"

YOU... YOU SET THIS ALL UP.

ROPED IN ALL KINDS OF GOOD PEOPLE.

LET IN *JUST* AS MANY REFUGEES AS YOU NEEDED FOR THIS *VERY SCENARIO.*

MAYBE.

OR MAYBE THE WORLD IS JUST A ***COMPLICATED PLACE*** *AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE YOU DON'T LIKE ARE ACTUALLY DOING* ***GOOD THINGS.***

SOMETIMES THERE'S NO PURE COURSE OF ACTION.

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO MAKE ***CHOICES.***

YOU DIRTY LITTLE--

AMADEUS. JIMMY HERE. YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS TO MAKE A DECISION.

AND I KNOW THAT'S ***UNFAIR,*** BECAUSE I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SO MUCH ***MORE*** SO MUCH ***EARLIER.***

BUT THE WORLD AS YOU KNOW IT ONLY ***ENDURES*** BECAUSE OF A FRAGILE ***BALANCE OF POWER*** BETWEEN THESE DRAGONS.

OUR SECRET JOB AS AGENTS OF ATLAS IS TO ***SAVE*** *THE* ***WORLD*** *BY* ***PRESERVING*** *THAT* ***BALANCE.***

SO NO MATTER WHAT NGUYEN SAYS, YOU ***HAVE TO*** ***FREE*** *THAT SERPENT.*

TRUST ME.

YOU KNOW, JIMMY...

...YOU'RE ***RIGHT...***

"...YOU *SHOULD* HAVE TOLD US *MUCH MORE MUCH EARLIER.*"

MAMADEUS?

WHAT... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK...

...THIS WHOLE THING IS *BULL...*

...AND YOU DON'T HAVE THAT *BIG BRAIN* FOR *NOTHING.*

...

REALLY?

AMADEUS, AS LONG AS I'VE KNOWN YOU...

...NO MATTER HOW ANNOYING YOU ARE...

...AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH TROUBLE WE GET INTO...

...WE'VE ALWAYS FOUND ANOTHER WAY.

RIGHT?

RIGHT.

YOU HEAR THAT, JIMMY? THERE'S *ALWAYS* ANOTHER WAY.

WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO HOLD PAN TOGETHER *WITHOUT* THE SCALES.

THEN WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO *FREE* THE *DRAGON* IN A WAY THAT *DOESN'T* ENDANGER CIVILIANS.

ALL WE NEED IS A LITTLE TIME.

UNFORTUNATELY...

KRRRAKKOOOOOOOOOOOM!!

AREEOOOOOOOOOOO

"...IT'S IN THE *WATER.*"

SPLASH

KRRAAAAKOOOOOM

AAARROOOO!

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?

I-- I DON'T KNOW!

ISAAC! THE *DRAGON!*

WHAT ELSE DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

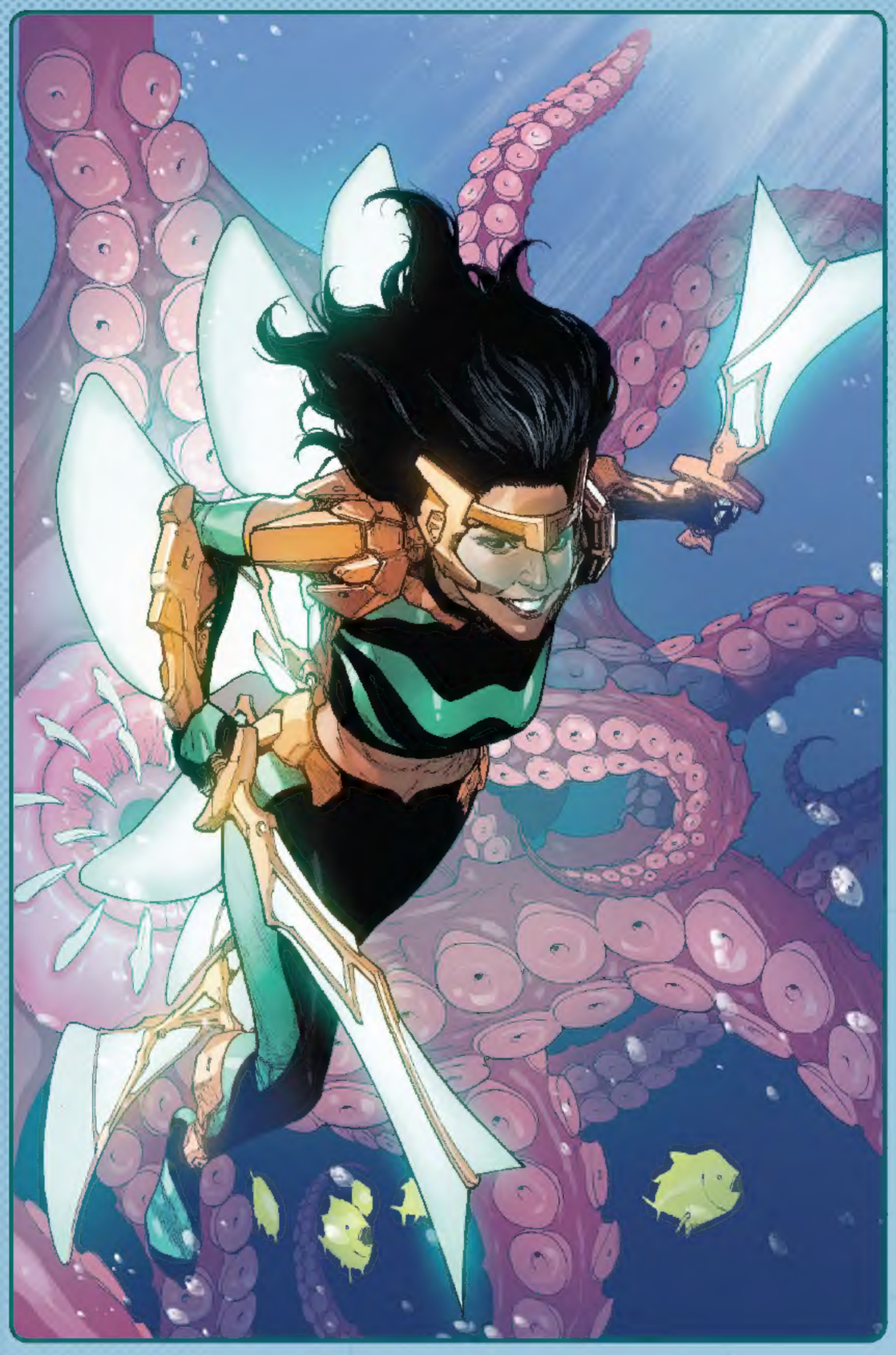
WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

I THOUGHT-- I THOUGHT YOU KNEW--

"--IT CAME FROM ATLANTIS!"

IMPERIUS REX!

NEXT: NAMOR STRIKES IN ATLANTIS ATTACKS!



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